Transition Words

Transition words connect, change, and transition ideas. The following are categories of transition words. Notice that several have different meanings.

To Add: and, again, and then, besides, equally important, finally, further, furthermore, nor, too, next, what's more, moreover, in addition, first, (second, etc.).

To Compare: whereas, but, yet, on the other hand, however, nevertheless, on the contrary, by comparison, where, compared to, up against, balanced against, vis-à-vis, although, conversely, meanwhile, after all, in contrast, although this may be true.

To Prove: because, for, since, for the same reason, obviously, evidently, furthermore, moreover, besides, indeed, in fact, in addition, in any case, that is.

To Show Exception: yet, still, however, in spite of, despite, of course, once in a while, sometimes.

To Show Time: immediately, thereafter, soon, after a few hours, finally, then, later, previously, formerly, first, (second, etc.), next, and then.

To Repeat: In brief, as I have said, as I have noted, as has been noted.

To Emphasize: definitely, extremely, obviously, in fact, indeed, in any case, absolutely, positively, naturally, surprisingly, always, forever, perennially, eternally, never, emphatically, unquestionably, without a doubt, certainly, undeniably, with(out) reservation.

To Show Sequence: First, second, third, and so forth, A, B, C, next, then, following this, at this time, now, at this point, after, afterward, subsequently, finally, consequently, previously, before this, simultaneously, concurrently, thus, therefore, hence, next, and then, soon.

To Give an Example: for example, for instance, in this case, in another case, on this occasion, in this situation, take the case of, to demonstrate, to illustrate, as an illustration, to illustrate.

To summarize or conclude: in brief, on the whole, summing up, to conclude, as I have shown, as I have said, hence, therefore, as a result, thus, consequently, on the whole.